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NOTICES FROM THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

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ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS MAKING IN WASHINGTON.

A letter from Mr. SÆGMÜLLER, of Washington, D. C., notifies that during the past year his works have completed a nine-inch *photographic* transit-instrument, with collimators, for the observatory of Georgetown College; that a four-and-one-half-inch meridian-circle has just been finished for the observatory of the Catholic University of America (Professor SEARLE); and that a photographic equatorial, a combined transit and zenith telescope, position-micrometer, and a chronograph are now in hand for Cordoba, Argentine Republic, (Dr. THOME). The observatory of Notre Dame College, at South Bend, Indiana, has ordered a seven-inch equatorial, a transit, a clock, and a chronograph; and four other equatorials are in process of construction (apertures, five to nine inches). E. S. H.

REQUEST TO ASTRONOMERS REGARDING EPHEMERIDES OF COMETS, ETC.

The *Astronomische Nachrichten* and other European journals are received at Mount Hamilton from twenty days to a month after their dates of publication, and we frequently find that the ephemerides of comets, etc., as printed, have expired when the journal reaches us. Computers will confer a great favor upon the Lick Observatory if they will remember this delay of twenty to thirty days in printing their ephemerides, or if they will kindly send a *ms.* ephemeris by letter. It is not always possible for us to spare the time to extend an ephemeris. The orbits of comets